

Brinkley, Chapter 14 – The Civil War

1. Explain the advantages of the North and the South at the start of the war.
2. How did the North mobilize for war? Consider financing and the raising of troops. How supportive were people in the North of these policies?
3. How united was the North behind the war effort? What northerners opposed the war? Why? What actions did the Government take with regard to dissent?
4. Why was the Emancipation Proclamation issued in 1863? How many slaves did it free?
5. Read pp. 324-325 – Explain three different arguments offered by historians as the principal cause of the Civil War? Which of these do you believe is the strongest argument? Why?
6. Describe the structure and powers of the confederate government. How different was it from the United States government. What problems did the Confederate government face?
7. What position did Europeans take with regard to the war? Ultimately, why did no European country recognize the Confederacy?
8. Why did the North ultimately win the war?